

Stockton's Board of Trustees Holds 2015-16 Increases in Tuition, Fees, Meal Plans to 2%

Council of Black Faculty and Staff Donates Scholarship Funds

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Galloway, NJ - Tuition and fees for the 2015-16 academic year and the summer of 2016 were held to a 2 percent increase by the Stockton University Board of Trustees at a meeting today.

"The needs of our students, including the financial challenges faced by many students and their parents, are always foremost in the minds of Stockton trustees, administrators, faculty and staff," said Acting President Harvey Kesselman. "We have worked hard, including rigorous fiscal management and expanded fundraising for scholarships, to minimize increases while providing an excellent Stockton education."

For full-time undergraduates who live in New Jersey, the flat rate tuition will increase by \$81.07 per semester to \$4,134.64.

Stockton's flat-rate tuition program enables full-time students to take between 12 and 20 credits and pay the same rate. Students who take 20 credits can graduate sooner and potentially save thousands of dollars in the cost of classes and housing or commuting.

Educational and general fees were also held to a 2 percent increase, which for an in-state, full-time undergraduate is a rise of \$35.43, to \$1806.79. The facilities fee will rise by \$9.19 for undergraduates, to \$468.51.

For full-time post-Baccalaureate, master's and post-master's candidates who live in-state, tuition will increase by \$11.41 per credit hour, to \$582. For in-state doctoral candidates, tuition will increase by \$12.55 per credit hour, to \$640.20.

All graduate school students' educational and general fees will rise by \$2.73, to \$138.99, while facilities fees will total \$36.04, up 71 cents.

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Out-of-state students pay higher tuition, as at all public universities and colleges, but pay the same fees as in-state students.

Meal plan rates will rise 2 percent, reflecting an increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for meals away from home, as well as the addition of 18 days to the academic calendar, which affects weekly-based meal plans.

One-half of 1 percent out of the 2 percent increase will be used to fund a new meal voucher program that student leaders along with Student Affairs staff are developing to help students in financial need who may otherwise skip meals.

In May, the trustees were considering a 2.5 percent increase to the 2015-16 meal plan, but tabled it after Student Trustee Kiyle Osgood argued on behalf of less-fortunate students. The new meal voucher program is designed to address those concerns.

In other business, Patricia W. Collins, president of the Council of Black Faculty and Staff, presented a check to the University Foundation for \$10,274.56 for fiscal year 2015, which was matched by the University Foundation, for a total of \$20,549.12 to provide scholarships to deserving students.

"I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Dr. Donnetrice Allison, outgoing president, and other executive committee members for their dedication and commitment," said CBFS President Collins. "It remains the council's mission to provide financial support through scholarships, which makes the difference in helping students continue their education at Stockton."

The council fosters communication among the Stockton community and the state concerning African-American personnel and students at Stockton. CBFS provides scholarships and supports the recruitment, hiring and well-being of African-American faculty, staff and other under-represented student groups. Since 1981, the council has awarded over \$274,500 in scholarships and has awarded \$24,000 to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral recipients for fiscal year 2015-16.

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Patricia Collins, president of the Stockton University Council of Black Faculty and Staff, and Stockton's Acting President Harvey Kesselman hold a \$10,274.56 check, the proceeds from the 2014 Council scholarship awards dinner, which will be matched by the Stockton University Foundation for a total of \$20,549.12 going toward student scholarships.

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ACADEMIC TERM TUITION AND FEES EFFECTIVE FOR 2016

AND SUMMER SESSION TUITION AND FEES

Student Level	Current FY15	Current FY15	Current FY15	Proposed FY16	Proposed FY16	Proposed FY16
Academic Semester	Tuition Rate	Educational and General Fees Rate	Facilities Fees Rate	Tuition Rate 2% Increase	Educational and General Fees Rate 2% Increase	Facilities Fees Rate 2% Increase
Undergraduate Full Time (Flat Rate Per Semester)						
In-State	\$4,053.57	\$1,771.36	\$459.32	\$4,134.64	\$1,806.79	\$468.51
Out-of-State	\$7,313.98	\$1,771.36	\$459.32	\$7,460.26	\$1,806.79	\$468.51
Undergraduate Part Time (Per Credit Hour)						
In-State	\$311.81	\$136.26	\$35.33	\$318.05	\$138.99	\$36.04
Out-of-State	\$562.62	\$136.26	\$35.33	\$573.87	\$138.99	\$36.04
Post Baccalaureate, Masters, and Post-Masters Full Time and Part Time (per credit hour)						
In-State	\$570.59	\$136.26	\$35.33	\$582.00	\$138.99	\$36.04
Out-of-State	\$878.34	\$136.26	\$35.33	\$895.91	\$138.99	\$36.04
Doctoral Full Time and Part Time (per credit hour)						
In-State	\$627.65	\$136.26	\$35.33	\$640.20	\$138.99	\$36.04
Out-of-State	\$1,010.10	\$136.26	\$35.33	\$1,030.30	\$138.99	\$36.04

Student Level	Current FY15	Current FY15	Current FY15	Proposed FY16	Proposed FY16	Proposed FY16
Summer Semester	Tuition Rate	Educational and General Fees Rate	Facilities Fees Rate	Tuition Rate 2% Increase	Educational and General Fees Rate 2% Increase	Facilities Fees Rate 2% Increase
Undergraduate (Per Credit Hour)						
In-State	\$229.09	\$123.22	\$31.95	\$233.67	\$125.68	\$32.59
Out-of-State	\$413.36	\$123.22	\$31.95	\$421.63	\$125.68	\$32.59
Post Baccalaureate, Masters, and Post-Masters Full Time and Part Time (per credit hour)						
In-State	\$543.11	\$129.70	\$33.63	\$553.97	\$132.29	\$34.30
Out-of-State	\$836.04	\$129.70	\$33.63	\$852.76	\$132.29	\$34.30
Doctoral Full Time and Part Time (per credit hour)						
In-State	\$597.42	\$129.70	\$33.63	\$609.37	\$132.29	\$34.30
Out-of-State	\$961.45	\$129.70	\$33.63	\$980.68	\$132.29	\$34.30